



USEITI MSG Membership Selection Process

Sectoral Representation

The Committee consists of representatives from three stakeholder sectors. The sectors are as follows:

- Industry, including non-Federal representatives from the extractive industry, including oil, gas, and mining companies and industry-related trade associations.
- Civil society, including organizations with a focus in extractive industries transparency, and government oversight; members of the public; academia; and labor.
- Government, including Federal, State, local, and Tribal governments and individual Indian mineral owners.

Selection Criteria

In addition to honoring the EITI principle of self-selection within the stakeholder sector, the following criteria will be considered in making final selections:

- Understanding of and commitment to the EITI process.
- Ability to collaborate and operate in a multi-stakeholder setting.
- Access to and support from a relevant stakeholder constituency.
- Basic understanding of the extractive industry and/or revenue collection; or willingness to be educated on such matters.

Nominations should include a resume providing relevant contact information, which sector they belong to (government, civil society, or industry), and an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and to permit the Department of the Interior to contact a potential member.

Applicants Working with Sectors

Parties are strongly encouraged to work with and within stakeholder sectors (including industry, civil society, and government sectors, as the EITI process defines) to jointly consider and submit nominations that, overall, reflect the diversity and breadth of their sector. Nominees are strongly encouraged to include supporting letters from constituents, trade

associations, alliances, and/or other organizations that indicate the support by a meaningful constituency for the nominee.

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- The MSG Secretariat will seek at all times to abide by and ensure the 2016 EITI Standard Requirements in 1.4 including the following concepts: an open and transparent invitation to participate; adequate representation; appropriate stakeholders; stakeholder group “self-selection”; and a process free of coercion.
- The MSG Secretariat (within the DOI) will develop and post the Federal Register notices announcing the open nomination period soliciting nominees for membership. Approximately one month will be allotted for responses.
- Upon receipt of nominations from individuals, the MSG Secretariat will forward applications to the appropriate sector co-chair for sector review and endorsement. For instance, a CSO applicant will be sent to the CSO co-chair for review.
- Co-chairs have 5 business days to respond with a sector recommendation or endorsement to the Secretariat. The co-chairs are responsible for conferring with the appropriate members of their sector on the application (say, a member is from the state where the applicant is applying).
- The MSG Secretariat will forward any and all nominees endorsed by the sector co-chairs and any additional co-chair advice and concerns to the Designated Federal Official (DFO) for a decision and recommendation to the Secretary.